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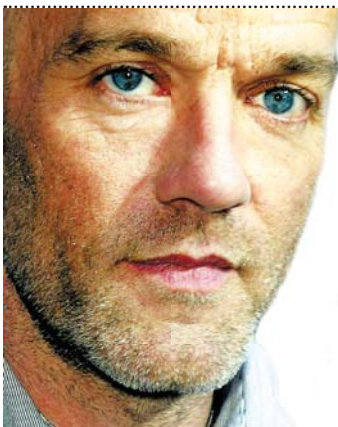


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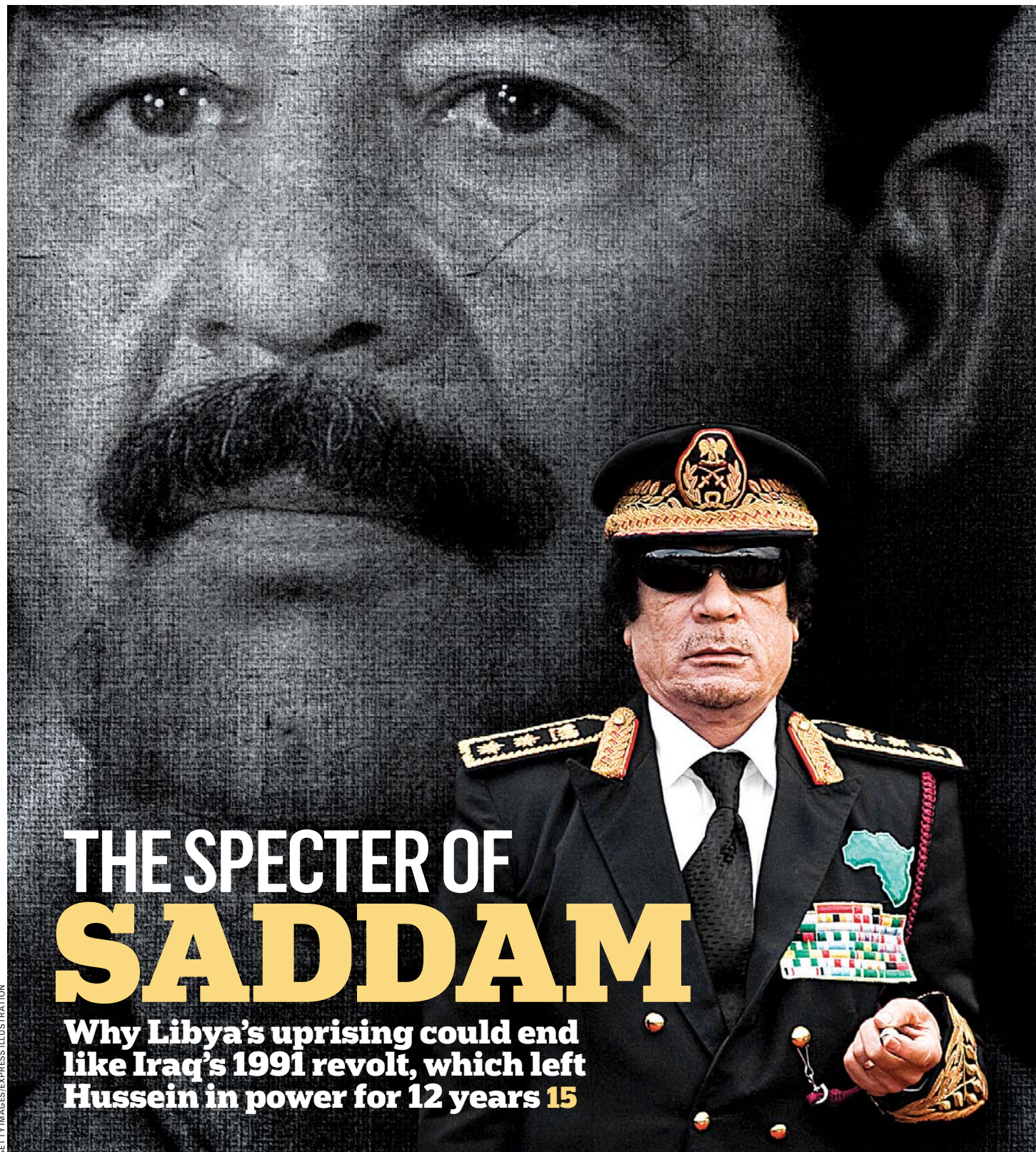


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Portland, Ore., police say both an intruder and a homeowner phoned 911 to report each other. The intruder told police he had just broken into a home Monday evening when the owner arrived; he was worried the homeowner might have a gun. The homeowner called 911 after the intruder locked himself in a bathroom. (AP)

(Snooki on the cover of Rolling Stone)

(Raining blood)

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EyeOpeners' 'Signs of the Apocalypse Scale'® Debuts

An estimated 1 million fish turned up dead in Redondo Beach, Calif., Tuesday. California Fish and Game officials said the fish were sardines that depleted the water of oxygen and suffocated. "All indications are it's a naturally occurring event," said a spokesman. (AP)

Government Covers Up Discovery of Money Trees

Police in Delaware, Ohio, are trying to figure out how thousands of dollars in cash ended up along a highway. There were so many bills in the median of U.S. Route 23 on Monday that an officer said it looked as though the field was growing money. Officers spent hours collecting the cash. (AP)

The Big Picture



MARDI GRAS PARADES took over New Orleans on Tuesday. Here, the King of Zulu, Anthony Tony Barker Sr., arrives on Canal Street during the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club parade. (AP)

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WASHINGTON

Commerce Chief to Get China Nod, Sources Say



Locke

Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, 62, may get a new assignment: President Obama plans to nominate him to become the next U.S. ambassador to China. An announcement was expected this week, officials said. If confirmed by the Senate, Locke would become the first Chinese-American to hold the post. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

21 Priests Suspended Amid Sex Abuse Inquiry

The Philadelphia archdiocese suspended 21 Roman Catholic priests Tuesday who were named as child molestation suspects in a grand jury report released last month. (AP)

MADISON, WIS.

E-mails Indicate Walker Open to Compromise

E-mails released Tuesday by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's office show the Republican has told Senate Democrats he is open to compromise on his plan to end most collective bargaining rights for public employees. Walker sent Democrats a list of possible changes as recently as Sunday night. (AP)

Undercover Video Targets NPR

Secretly shot footage captures executive blasting tea party

Washington

The former head of NPR's fundraising arm says in a surreptitiously recorded video by a conservative activist that members of the tea party movement are xenophobic and racist and that NPR would prefer to do without federal subsidies.

In the video, released Tuesday by filmmaker James O'Keefe, Ron Schiller, who formerly headed the NPR Foundation but left the organization last week, disparages conservatives and tea party members in particular, saying some of whom are part of an "anti-intellectual" movement.

Schiller and another NPR fundraiser, Betsy Liley, believed that that two of O'Keefe's operatives were representatives of a Muslim philanthropy. The video was shot in Georgetown during a lunch meeting set up to discuss a \$5 million contribution to NPR by the fictitious Muslim Education



Caught on Film

The tape released Tuesday by James O'Keefe shows NPR executive Ron Schiller disparaging tea party members and discussing NPR's federal funding. Schiller told NPR last week he was leaving to join the Aspen Institute, a public policy think tank, NPR said.

"The tea party is fanatically involved in people's personal lives."

— RON SCHILLER, AN NPR EXECUTIVE, SPEAKING IN AN UNDERCOVER VIDEO RELEASED TUESDAY.

Action Center, which one of the men tells the NPR executives is connected with the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization with suspected ties to terrorists.

On the video, Schiller, who is of no relation to NPR president Vivian Schiller, says that "tea party people" aren't "just Islamophobic, but really xenophobic. ... They're seriously racist, racist people."

Schiller goes on to say that NPR "would be better off in the long run without federal funding," a sentiment often expressed privately by those at NPR. However, as Schiller says in the video, federal funding is a key part of the budgets of NPR's affiliated stations.

Backstory

James O'Keefe has become a hero in conservative circles for undercover stunts that capture embarrassing statements from employees of allegedly liberal groups. In 2009, he and a colleague recorded talks in which employees of the ACORN community group discussed how to get loans to set up a brothel. O'Keefe was arrested in 2010 for his role in an undercover stunt involving Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.

(TWP)



Nevertheless, O'Keefe's video caused a sensation Tuesday in the conservative blogosphere and a public relations embarrassment for NPR, which is fighting GOP-led efforts to cut federal contributions to public radio and television, about \$430 million this year.

"We are appalled by the comments made by Ron Schiller in the video, which are contrary to what NPR stands for," NPR said in a statement released Tuesday.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

\$14K The cost of a diamond-studded prom dress, made to order by an online retailer outside Philadelphia. The company has sold two of the dresses, which feature hundreds of diamonds hand-sewn onto the bodice and take about three weeks to make. The strapless, floor-length gown is available sans-diamonds for about \$400. (AP)

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A Hazy Problem in Wyo.

Gas drilling boom is raising air pollution to dangerous levels

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Wyoming — famous for its crisp mountain air and breathtaking, far-as-the-eye-can-see vistas — is looking a lot like smoggy Los Angeles these days because of a boom in natural gas drilling.

Folks who live near the gas fields in the western part of the state are complaining of watery eyes, shortness of breath and bloody noses because of ozone levels that have exceeded what people in L.A. and other cities wheeze through on their worst pollution days.

"I never would have guessed in a million years you would have that kind of danger here," Debbie Miller, a manager at a Pinedale snow-

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The ozone levels, in parts per billion, reached Wednesday in Wyoming's Upper Green River Basin, according to preliminary data. That's two-thirds more than the EPA's max healthy limit of 75 parts per billion, and above the worst day in Los Angeles in 2010, 114 parts per billion, EPA records show. (AP)

mobile dealership, said Monday.

In many ways, it's a haze of prosperity: Gas drilling is going strong again, and as a result, so is the state's economy. Wyoming has one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates, 6.4 percent.

And while many states are running up massive deficits, Wyoming lawmakers project a budget surplus of more than \$1 billion over the coming year.

"We're all outdoor people here. We don't live inside."

— **ELAINE CRUMPLEY**, A RETIRED TEACHER NEAR PINEDALE, WYO., WHO SAYS WARNINGS TO STAY INDOORS DUE TO HIGH OZONE LEVELS ARE HARD TO TAKE.

Still, in the Upper Green River Basin, some wonder whether they've made a bargain with the devil.

Drilling of new wells, maintenance and gas-field equipment release substances that contribute to pollution. Recent ozone alerts weren't the first in the basin — they also occurred in 2008 and 2009.

Industry officials say they are working hard to curb smog, and Gov. Matt Mead met Monday with state regulators and industry representatives to talk about what else companies can do to control pollution. **MEAD GRUVER (AP)**

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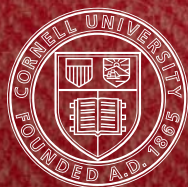


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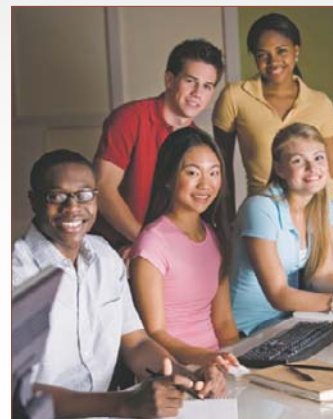
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PARADE-GOERS PURSUE BEADS in New Orleans on Fat Tuesday, the end of Mardi Gras. A late Lent meant this year's festival overlapped with many colleges' spring breaks, adding to one of the rowdier party scenes in years.

U.S. Population Center Sliding SW

Washington

America's population center is edging away from the Midwest, pulled by Hispanic growth in the Southwest, according to census figures. The shift is changing the nation's politics and even the traditional notion of the country's heartland — long the symbol of mainstream American beliefs and culture.

The West is home to the four fastest-growing states — Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho — and has surpassed the Midwest in population, according to 2010 figures.

When the Census Bureau announces a new mean center of population next month, geographers believe it will be placed

in or around Texas County, Mo., southwest of the present location in Phelps County, Mo. That would put the center on a path to leave the Midwest by midcentury.

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The last year that the U.S. population center fell outside the Midwest. At that time, it occurred in the territory now known as West Virginia. (AP)

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau calculates the center, which represents the middle point of the U.S. population distribution — the point at which the country would balance if each of its 308.7 million residents weighed the same. (AP)

Hearsay

“Even Mr. Potato Head and Homer Simpson know that Times Square is a better place for a parade than dull Sixth Avenue.”

— **TIM TOMPKINS**, PRESIDENT OF THE TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE, DISCUSSING ON TUESDAY NEW YORK CITY'S PLANNED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ANNUAL MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE ROUTE BECAUSE OF ONGOING CONSTRUCTION IN THE ICONIC PLAZA.

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Libyan Troops Beat Back Rebels

Pro-Gadhafi fighters threaten to recapture opposition-held city

Tripoli, Libya

After dramatic successes over the past weeks, Libya's rebel movement appears to have hit a wall of overwhelming power from loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi. Pro-regime forces halted its drive on Tripoli with a heavy barrage of rockets in the east and threatened Tuesday to recapture the closest rebel-held city to the capital in the west.

If Zawiya, on Tripoli's doorstep, is ultimately retaken, the contours of a stalemate would emerge — with Libya divided between a largely loyalist west and a rebel east as the world wrestles with the thorny question of how deeply to intervene.

Zawiya, a city of 200,000, was sealed off under a fifth day of a destructive siege, with conflicting reports of who was in control. A brigade led by one of Gadhafi's sons, Khamis, is believed to be lead-



An anti-Gadhafi rebel, right, tries to calm down his colleague who lost a relative during Tuesday's fighting against pro-Gadhafi fighters, near Bin-Jawad, Libya.

ing the assault, shelling neighborhoods with tank and artillery fire from the outskirts and trying to push troops into the city's central

Martyrs Square. The city hospital has been overwhelmed with dead and wounded, and many houses have been dam-

Meanwhile ...

Soldiers loyal to Moammar Gadhafi have blocked about 30,000 migrant workers from fleeing into Tunisia and forced many to return to work in the Libyan capital, a Red Crescent official said Tuesday. Ibrahim Osman of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said that the migrant workers were rounded up and held in Libyan immigration buildings near the Tunisian border last week. (AP)

aged, according to residents who escaped in the past two days.

The recapture of Zawiya would be a significant victory for Gadhafi. If his forces can hold it, it would free up troops to deploy against other rebel-held areas.

The battle is far from over and could be drawn out into a long and bloody civil war. The latest round of fighting on opposite ends of Libya's Mediterranean coast once again revealed the weakness and disorganization of both sides.

MAGGIE MICHAEL AND PAUL SCHEMM (AP)

In Brief

CAIRO

Hecklers Marr Egyptian Women's Rights Protest

A protest by hundreds of Egyptian women demanding equal rights and an end to sexual harassment turned violent Tuesday when crowds of men heckled and chased them out. The women had marched to Cairo's central Tahrir Square to celebrate International Women's Day. (AP)

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

4 Killed in Ivory Coast After Women Converge

In an act of bold defiance, thousands of women converged Tuesday on the bloodstained pavement where seven of their sisters fell last week, even as the army backing this country's rogue leader killed four more civilians. The attack has further galvanized the international community against strongman Laurent Gbagbo, who has refused to yield power. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Yemeni Army Storms University, Wounds 98

The Yemeni government escalated its efforts to stop mass protests calling for the president's ouster on Tuesday, with soldiers firing rubber bullets and tear gas at students camped at Sanaa University in the capital in a raid that wounded at least 98 people, officials said. (AP)



Castro's Cyberspace: A Twitter account that tweets excerpts from former president Fidel Castro's musings on world affairs has passed 100,000 followers — which the government says makes it the first official Cuban-themed Twitter account to break that threshold. The account has sent more than 1,750 tweets with Castro's thoughts — including his fears that the world is headed for nuclear Armageddon — and his warnings that NATO is planning to invade Libya. (AP)

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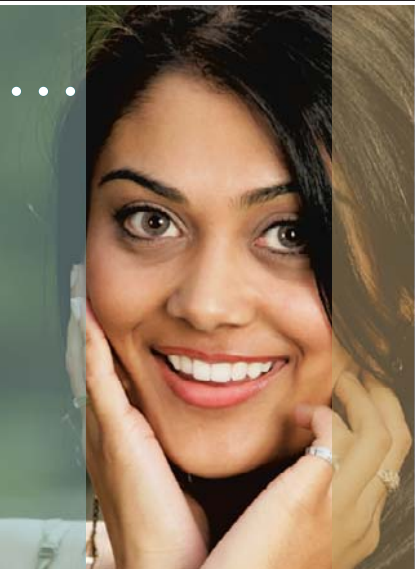
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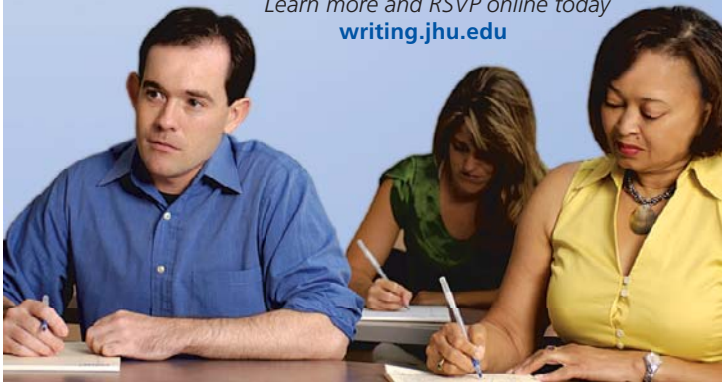
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Afghan War, 10 Years In

Gates sees gains, but search continues for effective governing

Sabit Qadam, Afghanistan

The Taliban are reeling. U.S. and Afghan troops are clicking. The war is going really well. That's what Pentagon chief Robert Gates heard in two days with troops and commanders. Much less clear: the hoped-for advances in the Afghan government's ability to provide basic services and extend its authority beyond Kabul, just months before the American troop drawdown begins.

Gates visited some of the most hotly contested parts of the country, where the effects of President

Obama's 30,000-troop surge have been most keenly felt as the Obama administration considers where to begin withdrawing and thinning out U.S. forces. The defense secretary's very presence in some far-flung combat bases was meant to show the progress the U.S.-led international military force claims.

"The closer you are to a fight, the better it looks."

— PENTAGON CHIEF ROBERT GATES, ON THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN TUESDAY.

The view Tuesday from near the front lines may be improving nearly 10 years into the war, but it can't obscure the central question of what comes next. The search for

effective Afghan governing will be a central issue as Congress scrutinizes Obama's war strategy and his commitment to begin winding down U.S. combat involvement.

The Taliban, meanwhile, are presumed to be gearing up for a spring offensive, although U.S. officials say the Islamist movement will find the going much tougher than in past years.

"They are going to feel more emboldened to carry out their attacks," said Lt. Col. Jason Morris, commander of 3rd battalion, 5th Marine regiment, based at Combat Outpost Sabit Qadam. "I would tell you they are going to have a real hard time doing that" because U.S. and Afghan forces "are going to meet them at every turn."

ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Missing U.S. Student Found Dead in Madrid

Madrid

The body of a U.S. exchange student from California was pulled out of the Manzanares River in Madrid on Tuesday, 10 days after he disappeared following a night on the town, a police official said.

The cause of death was not known, but there were no immediate signs of foul play in the death of 22-year-old San Diego State University student Austin Bice, the National Police official said.

Bice, from Carlsbad, Calif., was studying international business and had been in Spain since January. Roommates had reported him missing after he failed to return home following the night out. (AP)

India Celebrates Achievements of Women



INDIAN WOMEN SHOUT SLOGANS Tuesday as they commemorate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day in Ahmedabad, India. Women around the world celebrated the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future with events and marches.

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The value of the stolen jewels found in a Paris rain sewer. The 19 rings and three sets of earrings — part of the spectacular 2008 heist from luxury jeweler Harry Winston's Paris boutique — were dug up from a drain at a house in the Paris suburb of Seine-Saint-Denis, police said. The jewels were hidden in a container set in a cement mold inside the sewer. The house belonged to one of the nine people charged in the heist. (AP)

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Metro Plans Blue Line Split

Move to divert trains over Potomac would require massive signage overhaul

The transit authority staff is returning to the Metro board this week to discuss its plan to divert some Blue Line trains at rush hour, a plan the staff says it can implement in June 2012. The discussion is on the agenda for the 9 a.m. Thursday meeting of the board's Customer Service and Operations Committee at Metro headquarters.

The shift, sending some Blue Line trains over the Potomac River on what is now the Yellow Line bridge instead of through the Rosslyn tunnel, will affect the travel habits of thousands of riders.

The staff recognizes the need to pre-

IT Chief Retires

Metro's head of information technology, Suzanne Peck — who has overseen key initiatives such as expanding cell phone coverage inside Metro's underground stations and tunnels — retired last month. Peck was a central player in recent complex changes at Metro, such as the historic fare hike last year and efforts to expand the use of SmarTrip cards.

pare riders who might take advantage of the new service or who might wind up on the wrong train.

To envision the scope of the communications challenge ahead for Metro, think about every place you see a Metro system map. All those maps would have to change to reflect the rerouting that would send a

third of the peak-period Blue Line trains from Franconia-Springfield over the Yellow Line bridge and onto the Green Line up to Greenbelt. Meanwhile, the transit authority would add three trains per peak hour to the Orange Line, operating from West Falls Church to Largo Town Center, the current terminus for all Blue Line trains.

And it's not just the 5,000 rail system maps that will need to be reprinted and reinstalled in stations and on rail cars. Metro also would have to change 2,600 station signs and pylons. More than 1,200 fare charts for fare vending machines and station kiosks also would have to be altered.

The staff and the board have been discussing the proposed split for several years. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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3 MPD Officers Charged

Suspects arrested in sting operation for stolen property

Washington

Three Metropolitan Police Department officers were arrested Tuesday and charged with attempting to receive stolen property, authorities said.

The officers — named as Guillermo Ortiz, Silvestre Bonilla and Dioni Fernandez — were willing to purchase what they believed were thousands of dollars worth

of stolen electronics, according to police. They were arrested while on duty at 3 p.m. as part of a sting operation.

Undercover officers and confidential informants made sales to the 4th District officers in recent weeks and videotaped the transactions, a source said.

One officer bought a flat-screen television, an iPad and an iPhone, worth about \$5,000, the source said. A second officer bought iPads worth about \$1,400. The third bought two flat-screen televisions and an iPad, worth about \$2,000.

Further information about the

officers was not immediately available. All three were said to have been on the force for less than 10 years, according to Gwendolyn Crump, a police spokeswoman.

The officers have been suspended and are in custody, police said.

The arrests were said to be unconnected to the arrest of Officer Jennifer N. Green, 28, who appeared in D.C. Superior Court on Monday and pleaded not guilty to one count of attempted receipt of stolen property.

PAUL DUGGAN AND CLARENCE WILLIAMS
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Sen. Mikulski Headed To Women's Hall of Fame



Mikulski

Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, the organization announced Tuesday. Mikulski is

one of 11 women who will be inducted Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Mikulski, a Democrat who became the longest-serving woman in the history of the U.S. Senate this year, is in her fifth term. (AP)

LINTHICUM, MD.

BWI Approved to Provide Flight Service to Cuba

Charter flights to Cuba are coming to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. BWI announced Tuesday that it was among several new markets that had received approval to provide service to Cuba by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. President Obama announced in January that the administration planned to expand charter service to Cuba, which had been limited to three airports in Miami, Los Angeles and New York City. (AP)

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Same-Sex Nuptials on Rise in D.C.

Washington

An unusual thing happened on the way to the altar in the District over the past 12 months.

At least as many same-sex couples as heterosexual couples — and possibly more — appear to have applied for marriage licenses since gay marriage was legalized in the city last March.

The total number of applications more than doubled since the first same-sex couples lined up to get their licenses, from about 3,100 in the previous year to 6,600 during the past 12 months, said Leah H. Gurowitz spokeswoman for D.C. Superior Court, which issues the licenses.

Not everyone who got a marriage license lived in the District. Many couples came from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and other states. Wednesday is the one-year anniversary of the city's first same-sex weddings.



Darlene Garner, left, and Lorilyn "Candy" Holmes walk up the aisle in March 2010 in D.C.

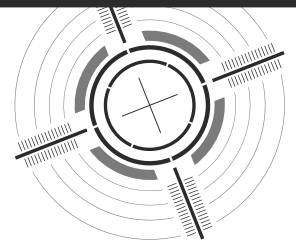
Darlene Garner and Lorilyn "Candy" Holmes of Laurel, Md., wed that day at the headquarters of the Human Rights Campaign

The women, who started their relationship 15 years ago, said the differences they perceive as a married couple have been subtle yet significant.

"The primary difference for me is how others see us," said Garner, 62. "Others now recognize and respect us as a couple that is completely and in every possible way committed to each other. ... Being able to use the term 'wife' was important." CAROL MORELLO
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Bump in the Road: The Virginia Department of Transportation is launching a blitz of patching to plug thousands of potholes across the commonwealth. Gov. Robert F. McDonnell announced the campaign against potholes Tuesday. He says more than 161,000 potholes were repaired during last year's pothole blitz. McDonnell asked citizens to report the location of potholes to VDOT so that they can be repaired. (AP)

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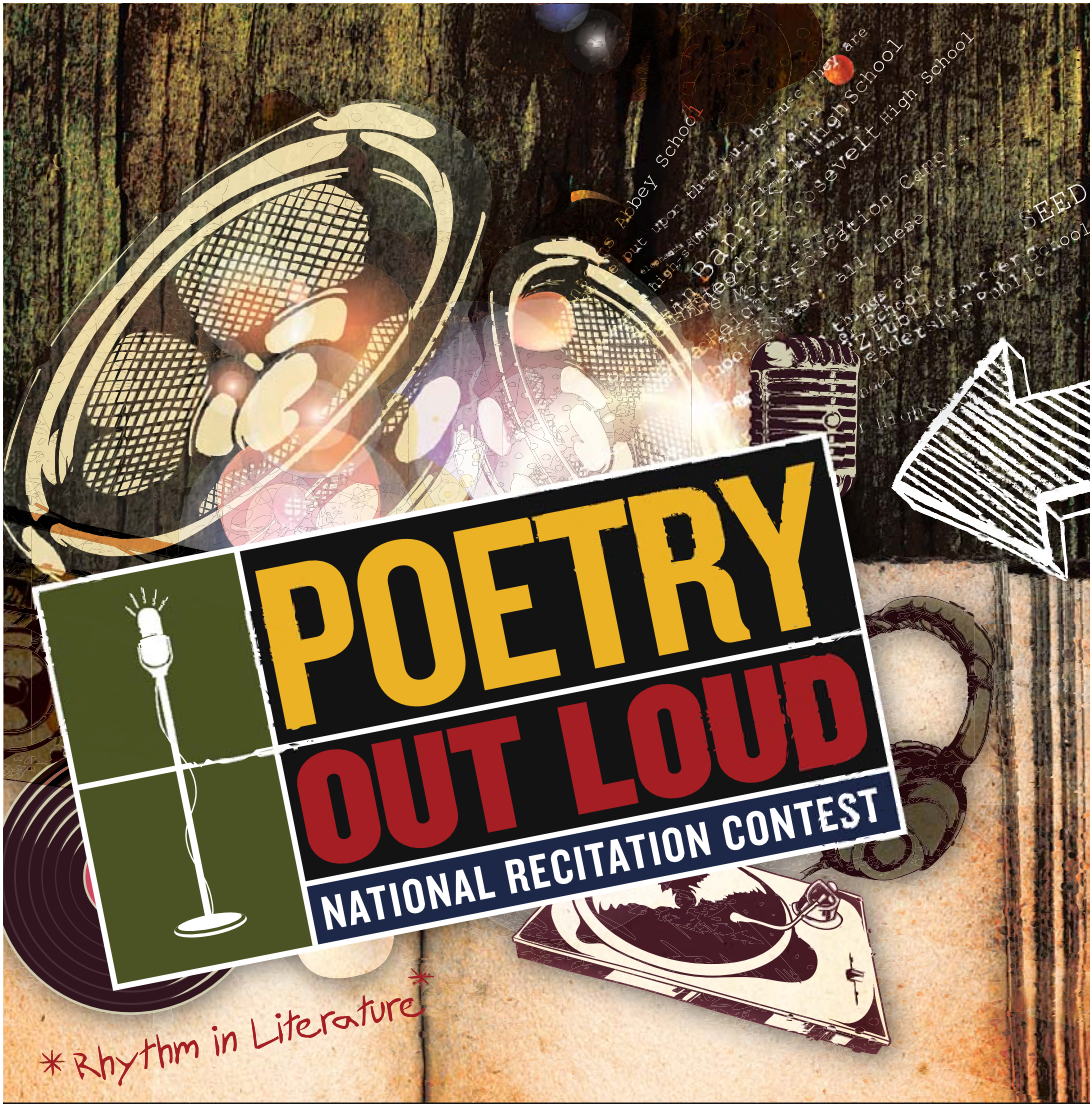
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In Libya, Echoes of Iraq

How Gadhafi may be able to retain power, as Hussein did 2 decades ago

Ras Ajdir, Tunisia-Libya border

With cool confidence, a Libyan expatriate arrives at a remote border of Tunisia and Libya with a regime change on his mind.

From the outside, it looks easy: He predicts that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has perhaps 10 days before the Arab revolt sweeps him away as it already has the leaders of Tunisia and Egypt. "Every time someone dies, [the opposition] gets stronger," he says. "Gadhafi is going to have to kill everybody. If that's the price of freedom, I guess we are willing to pay it."

But rather than the euphoric victories in Tunisia and Egypt, Libya's conflict now evokes another uprising: Iraqis' 1991 bid to overthrow Saddam Hussein. It, too, began with hope but ended in despair as the dictator brutally suppressed anti-government rebels and ruled for another 12 years.

Guarded Optimism

Dreams of riding all the way to Tripoli — where Gadhafi has ridiculed the opposition as "terrorists" and drug addicts — are stalling along the front line. Anti-regime activists remain optimistic. But similar optimism was easily found in Iraq in 1991.

Back then, simultaneous rebellions by Iraqi Kurds in the north and Shiites in the south aimed at taking advantage of Baghdad's weakness after the 1991 Gulf War ordered by then-President George H.W. Bush. Despite unbridled enthusiasm, the uprisings were brutally crushed.

Despite the creation of a break-

away Kurdish enclave, and the most crippling sanctions imposed in modern times, Hussein held onto power until he was deposed in 2003.

A Call for Help

Episodic but largely ineffective air raids by Libyan planes strike panic among the anti-regime rebels, just as Iraqi helicopters systematically targeted Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq in 1991 — prompting an exodus of more than 1 million people.

With U.S. warplanes flying overhead but doing nothing to stop the march of Iraqi tanks and helicopters, disillusioned Kurds who had been pledged aid hiked over mountains, asking: "Where's Bush?"

Libya's rebels are asking for help also, but only in the form of an immediate no-fly zone.



Iraq 1991

It was widely believed Saddam Hussein was on the verge of being deposed after the Gulf War, but he held on for another 12 years. Some fear the same fate with Moammar Gadhafi holding on in Libya.

RAMZI HAIDAR/AP/GETTY IMAGES

'Spectrum' Of Responses

President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed Tuesday to plan for the "full spectrum of possible responses" on Libya, including an arms embargo and a no-fly zone. The White House emphasis on a full spectrum of responses, in a statement on a phone call Tuesday between the two leaders, underscored the potential for a military response from the U.S. and its NATO allies as Libya slips from Moammar Gadhafi's grip and into civil war. (AP)

Weapons Stash

The expectation that Gadhafi would lose his nerve and step down is now shifting to resemble the Iraqi playbook of two decades ago.

A binge of military procurement in the 1970s and 1980s, along with more recent acquisitions after Gadhafi renounced nuclear weapons efforts and vowed to destroy chemical weapon stocks, give the impression that Libya's regime possesses a real arsenal. But the reality may be different.

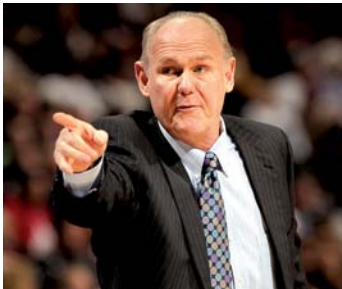
"Libya's current military leadership presides over a largely stored and surplus catalogue of weaponry with poor maintenance records," notes a Feb. 18 report by the Congressional Research Service. "The military also lacks sufficient numbers of trained personnel." SCOTT PETERSON (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

"THERE IS NO SUCH PROPOSAL. WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED. THERE IS NO EMISSARY."

— ABDUL HAFIDH GHOGA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OPPOSITION'S GOVERNING COUNCIL IN BENGHAZI, THE REBELS' PROVISIONAL CAPITAL. AFTER WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT MOAMMAR GADHAFI HAD OFFERED — THROUGH A THIRD PARTY — TO GIVE UP POWER IF HE WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, OPPOSITION LEADERS SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TUESDAY THAT NO SUCH OFFER HAD BEEN MADE.

Libya 2011

In Brief



George Karl signed a three-year deal to remain the Denver Nuggets' head coach.

PRO BASKETBALL
Karl Nets Extension

The Denver Nuggets have signed coach George Karl to a three-year extension. Karl's deal has been in the works for months but took a back seat to the season-long negotiations to trade All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony, who was dealt to the New York Knicks two weeks ago. Karl is 1,023-698 in 23 NBA seasons, for a .594 winning percentage. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL
NBA May Implement New Concussion Policy

The NBA is consulting with an independent neurologist and may establish a league-wide policy for handling concussions by next season, The Associated Press has learned. NBA spokesman Tim Frank confirmed the discussions Tuesday. (AP)

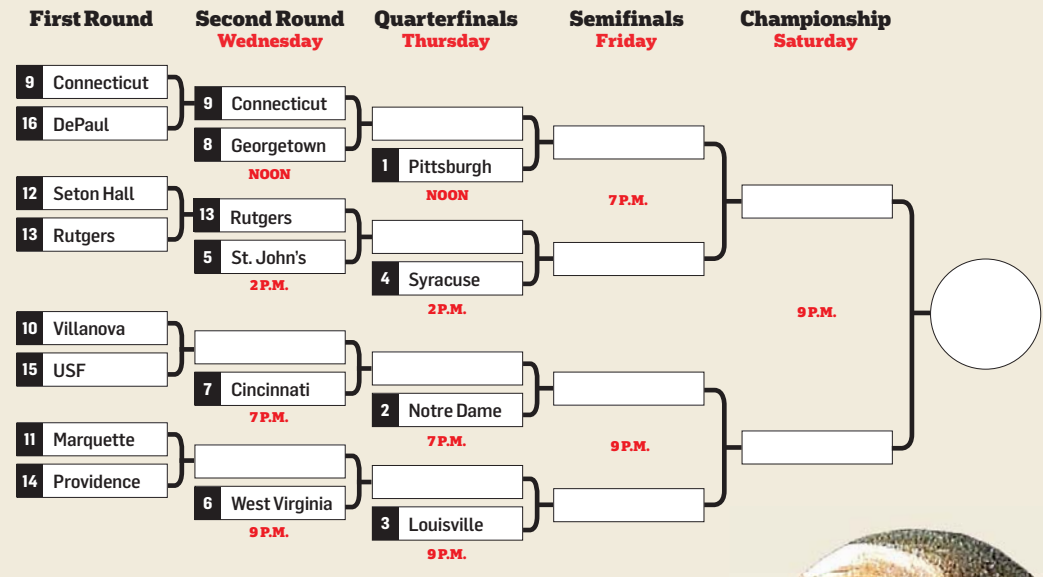
GOLF
Tiger, Phil to Pair Up

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will be in the same group at Doral for the first time this year. The Cadillac Championship decided to base the groups for the first two rounds on the rankings. It's similar to what the European Tour did in Dubai last month and the U.S. Open did at Torrey Pines in 2008. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL
Sabol Suffered Seizure

NFL Films President Steve Sabol is recovering from a seizure in Kansas City, Mo., where he was to accept an award on behalf of his company. The 68-year-old Sabol was stricken Saturday night and taken to a hospital. He underwent tests over the weekend and was alert Monday, an NFL spokesman said Tuesday. (AP)

2011 BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (ALL GAMES ON ESPN/ESPN2)



Looking Familiar?

Georgetown hopes it can turn around its slide — just as it did during another, earlier losing streak

Hoyas Hoops

It's official: Georgetown opened and closed Big East play the same way.

The Hoyas' recent losing streak matches the one back in early January: loss, win, three-straight losses. The No. 22-ranked team is now just hoping things turn around the same way when it enters its first post-season game against Connecticut Wednesday during the second round of the Big East Tournament.

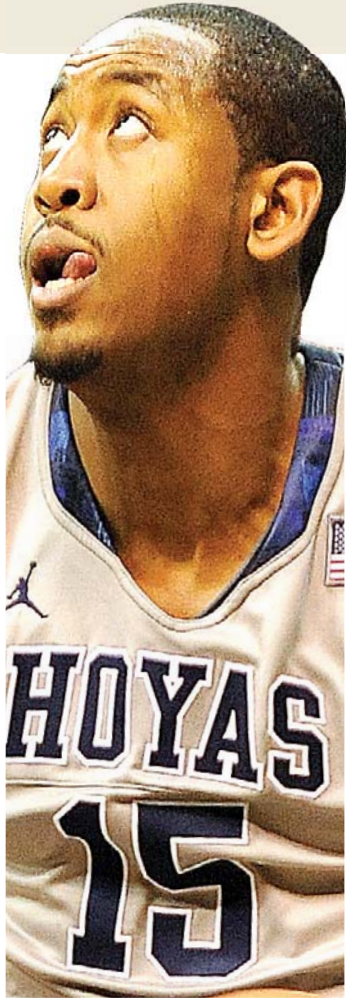
The good news: The problem is identifiable. The Hoyas registered season-low shooting percentages during both stints, and tend to rely more on the three when things aren't going right, which doesn't always help.

Of the three shooting stars, junior guard Jason Clark is unreliable in tight situations with an inconsistent shot. And the team as a whole seems to rely on scoring runs that dry up late in games.

The bad news? The current streak is slightly worse.

This time around, the shooting percentages are even lower, and the Hoyas have barely been scraping together 50 points a game. It's also clear the loss of senior guard Chris Wright, which has been talked about ad nauseam, is a big hit, and not just because the Hoyas are missing his 13.1 points and 5.4 assists per game.

The loss of an on-court leader is a huge demoralizer, especially when a team is already digging



Hoyas senior shooting guard Austin Freeman was honored this week as a member of the All-Big East team.

down a bad slump. While senior guard Austin Freeman still puts up point totals worthy of his team-point-leading status, the lack of his on-court sidekick throws off his rhythm and doesn't open the floor nearly as much as he needs to put up game-winning numbers.

Hoyas coach John Thompson III knows there is no replacing Wright, which is why he hasn't tried. The lineup doesn't look much different, with Freeman and Clark still getting the run of the offense and the majority of shooting opportunities. However, that doesn't seem to be doing much good, as the duo were 2-for-15 from the 3-point line at Cincinnati.

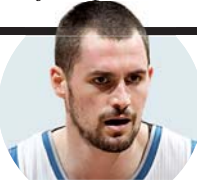
“With Chris Wright sitting on the bench ... the group that's in that locker room can win. We have to get to that point.”

— JOHN THOMPSON III, ON HIS HOYAS AFTER THEIR 69-47 LOSS AGAINST CINCINNATI LAST SATURDAY.

It isn't just Freeman's numbers that have been affected by Wright's absence. Clark is 5-for-21, and big man Julian Vaughn, whose production was starting to increase, is 0-for-10 from the field since Wright went down with a broken left hand in the Hoyas' first matchup against Cincinnati.

Back in January, all the Hoyas needed was a two-game road trip of big point-scoring wins to gain the necessary confidence to guide them into an eight-game win streak, the longest against conference opponents since the 2006-07 season.

Now in New York, days before the NCAA Tournament field is announced, the Hoyas are hoping history repeats itself in their league tournament. KRISTINA LUCIDO



Mr. Consistency: Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love missed practice on Tuesday because of a bruised left knee, but the team does not believe that the injury will keep him from trying to surpass Moses Malone's mark of 51-straight double-doubles on Wednesday against the Indiana Pacers. Malone had 51 double-doubles in a row over two seasons, 1978-79. That's the longest such streak since the NBA and ABA merged in 1976. (AP)

Sports



A thumb injury has kept Derrek Lee from the Orioles' starting lineup this spring.

Thumbs-Down For Orioles' Lee

Birds play waiting game for ailing first baseman to suit up

Pro Baseball

The Baltimore Orioles have had their starting lineup intact this spring — except for Derrek Lee.

After spending the winter recovering from surgery on a ligament in his right thumb, Lee has yet to play in a game and doesn't know when he will.

The first baseman, who signed a one-year contract with Baltimore early this year, reports that the thumb has healed, but now his right wrist is bothering him, and he doesn't want to predict when his Orioles debut might come.

"I'm not doing days. I'm just taking it day by day. Really nothing new," Lee said Tuesday morning in Sarasota, Fla.

The area above Lee's wrist is wrapped with a protective bandage, and he's clearly frustrated by the delay.

"It's a process. It's unexpected. It's a process I've never been through. I thought once my thumb was fine, I was in the clear," said Lee, 35. "You kind of have a weak hand and you start doing activities and this."

Lee was set to see Dr. Brian Schofield, a hand surgeon in Sarasota, on Tuesday afternoon.

Manager Buck Showalter said Lee's first game isn't "imminent," but he remains unconcerned.

"We're OK. I really like the fact that the actual surgery and all that feels real good," Showalter said before the Orioles' game against Philadelphia. (AP)

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Mich. Town Bids Final Farewell to Teen Star

High School Hoops

Hundreds of mourners, many wearing orange ribbons, filled a western Michigan church Tuesday for the funeral of a 16-year-old star athlete who collapsed and died after scoring a winning basket for his high school team.

The funeral for Wes Leonard was held less than a day after his Fennville High teammates shed their grief for a few hours and won the first game of the state basketball playoffs in front of 3,500 fans.

Leonard died of an enlarged heart last Thursday, moments after his shot gave the undefeated Blackhawks another victory.

At Christ Memorial Church, the



Fennville's Xavier Grigg reacts after Monday's game, the first since Wes Leonard died.

Rev. Gary Peterson opened the service with a prayer and recalled Leonard's love for sports, the outdoors and his Christian faith. Orange is

a school color, and orange flowers and ribbons were everywhere.

"Wes loved life and the world around him," Peterson said during

Gone, Not Forgotten

Wes Leonard's absence overshadowed Monday's night game, which was moved to Hope College in Holland to accommodate a larger crowd. After the final buzzer sounded in the wake of Fennville's 65-54 win over Lawrence, his teammates hugged and cried. In tribute to Leonard, Fennville sent just four players onto the court before the opening tip. The fifth player took the court after a dramatic pause to wild cheering from the crowd. (AP)

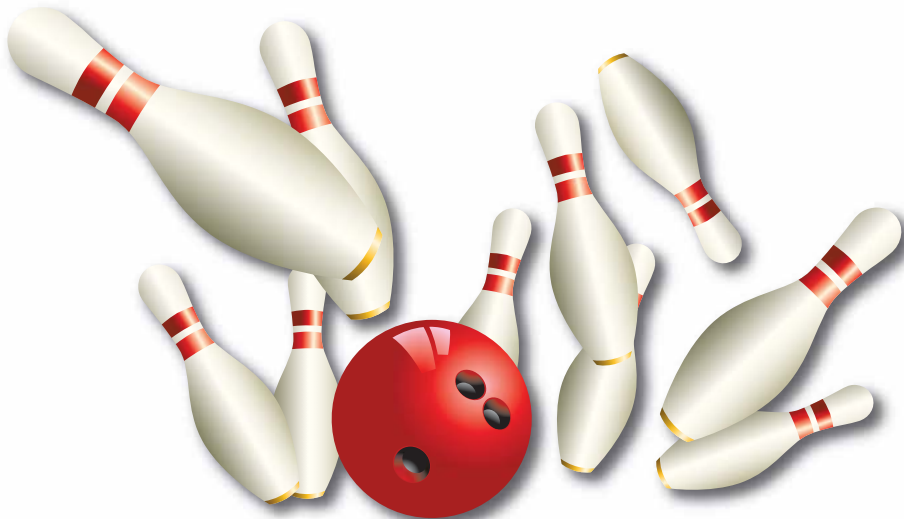
the service. "I know now that he loves heaven because that's where he's at." TIM MARTIN (AP)

Comebacks



TIKI BARBER, the former New York Giants running back and erstwhile "Today" and "Football Night in America" correspondent for NBC, has filed paperwork with the NFL, ending his retirement from football. "After seeing my brother still have fun at our age, it re-ignited the fire," Barber told Fox's Jay Glazer, referring to his twin, Ronde, a cornerback for Tampa Bay. (TWP)

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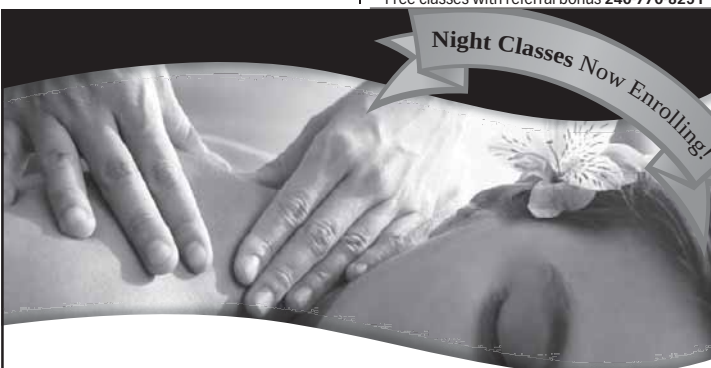
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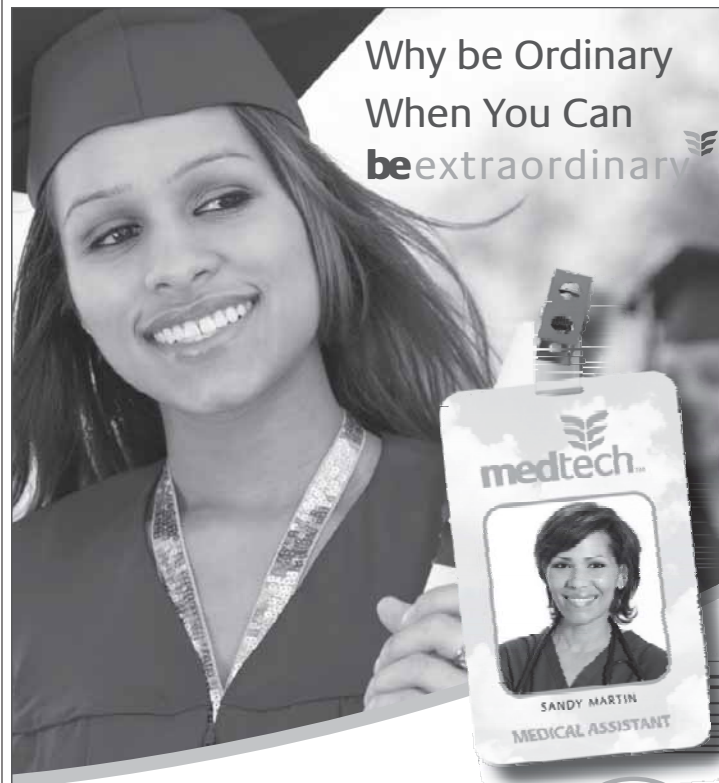
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By
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search-engine giant was still recovering from a significant malfunction of its free e-mail service around that same time.

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R.E.M.'s 15th CD may be the group's best — until No. 16

Album Review

R.E.M.'s 30-year career can basically be broken into two eras: in form and returning to form. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-honored group spent the '80s building its legacy as one of the country's smartest, most melodic bands and turned that into full-fledged rock stardom in the early '90s. But around the time drummer Bill Berry left the group after 1996's "New Adventures in Hi-Fi," forward progress stopped. Since then, each new effort isn't a ques-



tion of how well R.E.M. is evolving, but instead how successfully it can re-create past glories.

"The band's best album since" is a line of praise that attaches to every new album. There's nothing to suggest that "Collapse Into Now," the band's 15th, will break this streak. Make an iTunes playlist

of the seven previous R.E.M. albums, put it on shuffle, pick the first dozen tracks, and it would probably sound a whole lot like "Collapse." It's an overly familiar collection that plays like a sampling of all the sounds R.E.M. has tackled since it ascended to World Famous Rock Stars status. There are crunchy electric guitars, moody mandolins, and witticisms both goofy and insightful from singer Michael Stipe.

Is it R.E.M.'s best album since the Clinton era? Maybe. But, really, R.E.M. has long settled into a state in which it's simply the best album since the last one and until the next one. Each time R.E.M. re-emerges, there's that brief moment of excitement, and "Collapse" is no different. It's hard not to feel a rush during opener "Discoverer," as Peter Buck's guitar shifts from a pleasant chime to a booming rumble

'Collapse' on Film

Every song on the new R.E.M. album, "Collapse Into Now," will be accompanied by a short film created by 11 different filmmakers, one of which is actor James Franco, pictured. Lead singer Michael Stipe, who directs the "Discoverer" video, curated the project. The band's website, Remhq.com, will release details about when the films will be available over the next several weeks. (BILLBOARD.COM)



and Michael Stipe sings, "With just the slightest bit of finesse/I might have made a little less mess," in a stilted howl. It sounds like "I Could Turn You Inside Out." It sounds like "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?" It should be called "Rediscoverer." It doesn't matter — it's a rock song of serious might.

"Uberlin" sounds like a mash-up of "Losing My Religion" and "Drive," two of the band's biggest hits. More importantly, the song features what has always been the band's most reliable weapon — the sweet harmonies of Stipe and bassist Mike Mills.

And so "Collapse Into Now" is eminently listenable. But how often will you actually listen to it? It's yet another album that makes a good first impression before disappearing into the place where most bands' 15th albums disappear. In a couple years, when it's time for No. 16, "Collapse" will be a faint memory, and it will be time to talk about R.E.M.'s rebirth. Yet again.

DAVID MALITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Fountain of Youth: The Kennedy Center announced its 2011-2012 season Tuesday, emphasizing younger audiences as part of an initiative funded by a \$10 million gift from chairman David M. Rubenstein. Among the highlights are the return of actress Cate Blanchett, pictured, starring in the only U.S. engagement of "Uncle Vanya"; John Legend and the Roots re-creating Marvin Gaye's seminal "What's Going On"; and a performance by vocalist Nellie McKay. (TWP)



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1 Brit Hits
Robyn Hitchcock, left, is one of those magnificently eccentric British rock stars — a bit gentler and quirkier than Keith Richards, less bouncy than Paul McCartney. He's now touring with producer Joe Boyd, who will read from his autobiography, "White Bicycles." Hitchcock will play songs and interview Boyd about his life. **Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$35; 703-549-7500, Birchmere.com.**

2 Road Trips
John Margolies specializes in photographing what most of us see (or don't notice) out the window as we travel: the roadsides and small towns of America. The Library of Congress is honoring him with a daylong seminar on his work, which will feature five speakers — including Margolies himself. **Library of Congress, James Madison Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; 9 a.m., free; 202-707-8696, Loc.gov. (Capitol South)**

3 Behind the Big Wheels
Ever drooled over a photo essay in the New York Times? You know, one of those spreads with a high concept like "attractive men on Dutch bicycles"? Bill Cunningham, left, is the photographer behind many of these editorials, and filmmaker Richard Press has made a documentary about Cunningham's work (and his beloved Schwinn). **Hirshhorn Museum, Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; Thu., 8 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)**



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Shedding for the Wedding The couples choose their wedding flowers, which they could win by powering through a grueling challenge on the beach that also gives the winner a distinct advantage.

ABC
9:30


Mr. Sunshine A reluctant Ben takes Roman in after learning he doesn't have a place to stay. Crystal (Allison Janney, left) harbors some decidedly hostile feelings toward an ice-dancing group.

NBC
10:00

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit After a man discovers that his girlfriend was attacked in her home, the investigation turns up evidence pointing to a string of traumatic past events. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)


THE REAL WORLD: LAS VEGAS

Strangers in Sin City

MTV
10:00

"The Real World: Las Vegas," the venerable reality series' 25th season, features two male "players" who behave rather typically and not unlike sociopaths. A tease hints at a future violent altercation. Then there's the Catholic school boy who just lost his virginity and can't wait to talk about it. Of all the girls, only one has a boyfriend back home. Gosh, I can't imagine how that will work out. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Comedy



Hear Me Now?

After Nick (Terry Crews, pictured) is invited to play in a celebrity golf tournament at Walt Disney World on "Are We There Yet?" (9 p.m., TBS), Suzanne scrambles madly to revise her personal schedule so she can join the family on the trip. Unfortunately, an unexpected case of "cell phone mistaken identity" may keep the family apart. (TM)

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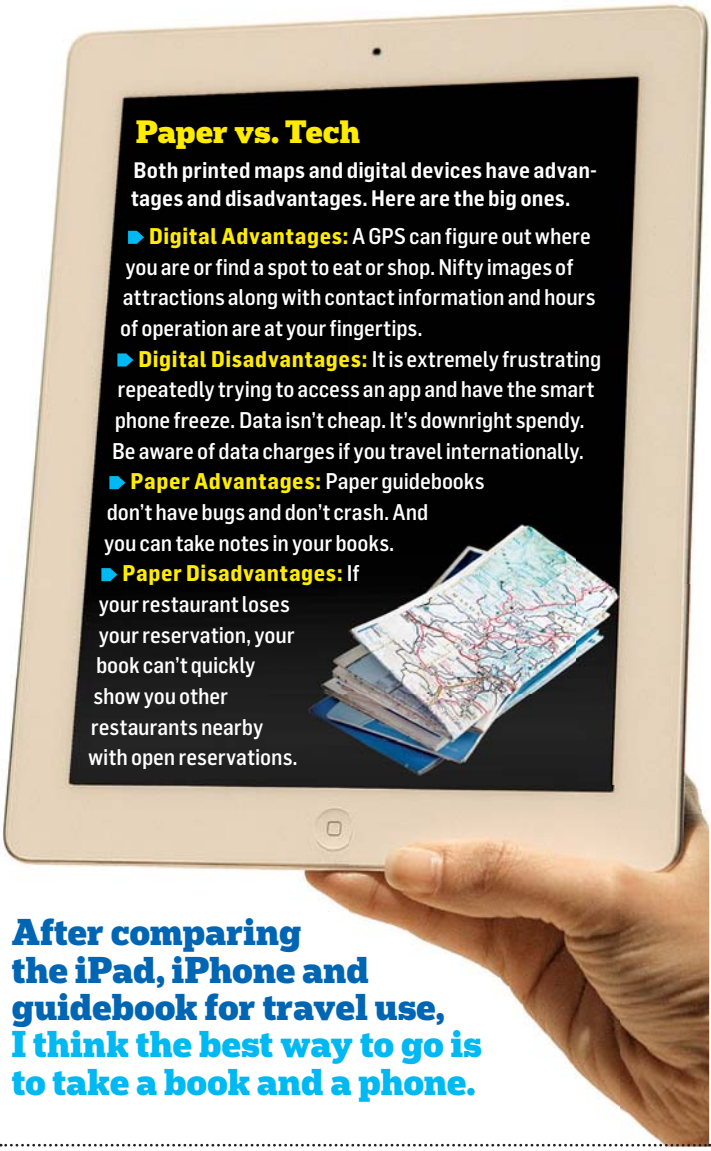
On a recent trip to Spain and Andorra, I loaded a Lonely Planet Discover Spain guide on my iPad; put Lonely Planet city guides for Barcelona and Madrid on my iPhone; and for good measure, carried around a Rick Steves Spain guide — the paper kind. I also installed maps on my iPad from a company called Dubbele that specializes in mobile maps.

After two weeks on buses, trains, planes, skis and foot, the verdict is in: Digital devices are making headway, but the printed guidebook isn't a relic yet.

Using a smart phone on a trip has advantages. But nothing beats a good travel guidebook for reading up on a destination. Tuck a postcard in the page with all the restaurant listings you'd like to try, scribble extra info in the margins, or push your seat to a reclining position and read during your flight.

On the other hand, twice during the trip I took with friends, information delivered digitally saved the day. First, on New Year's Eve, the trendy tapas bar in Barcelona where we'd made reservations for five had marked down space for only two of us. The restaurant expected three of us would simply leave, but loyalty won out and we all took a hike through Las Ramblas and the Gothic Quarter. It was 9 p.m. on Dec. 31, not an easy time to find a decent restaurant with space open. As my friends griped, I consulted the Lonely Planet guide on the iPhone, which pinpointed several nearby restaurants. Following the handy map, we managed to weasel our way into a great spot for a fabulous evening.

Then, when two from our group decided to take an extra day in



Paper vs. Tech


Both printed maps and digital devices have advantages and disadvantages. Here are the big ones.

► **Digital Advantages:** A GPS can figure out where you are or find a spot to eat or shop. Nifty images of attractions along with contact information and hours of operation are at your fingertips.

► **Digital Disadvantages:** It is extremely frustrating repeatedly trying to access an app and have the smart phone freeze. Data isn't cheap. It's downright spendy. Be aware of data charges if you travel internationally.

► **Paper Advantages:** Paper guidebooks don't have bugs and don't crash. And you can take notes in your books.

► **Paper Disadvantages:** If your restaurant loses your reservation, your book can't quickly show you other restaurants nearby with open reservations.



After comparing the iPad, iPhone and guidebook for travel use, I think the best way to go is to take a book and a phone.

Barcelona, I worried they'd never find our lodge in Andorra, located on a tiny, unlit, windy mountain road. Using Google Maps would have required an Internet connection and resulted in international roaming data charges. But using the large Dubbele map I'd installed from iTunes on the iPad, our friends were able to find us.

Reading the Lonely Planet guide on the tablet was also easy on the eyes. The text is clear and big enough to read. Maps and photos are not tiny thumbnails lacking detail, nor are they so zoomed-in that the scale is lost. It's possible to

bookmark, and there are plenty of hyperlinks throughout the guide.

Overall, I could have gotten by with just one source of travel information instead of three. But after comparing the three in real time, I think the best way to go is to take a book and a phone. The iPad is a good delivery system for e-mail and other content, but it isn't a primary communication device. It can be a good option, however, for travelers who read a lot and prefer e-books to carrying around "War and Peace" or the collected works of Dean Koontz.

FRITZ FAERBER (AP)



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Single Servings

Frying solo? Dwelling alone doesn't mean you can't whip up great food

"I'm sick of eating microwave meals," says Esther Covington. That's one reason she recently started a local "cooking for one" Meetup group (Meetup.com/Cooking-for-One/), to bring together singletons like her who don't always want their dinners to come from little boxes in the freezer.

"When it comes to the stove top, I know nothing," says Covington, 34, an Arlington actress. "I can boil water or soup, and that's about it. I was raised in one of those homes where my mother said, 'Someday you'll cook for your family.' I figured I'd learn to do it when

I got married. But I may not get married, and if I don't, I'd better learn to cook something good."

Supping solo should never lead to the equivalent of a culinary pity party, says Joe Yonan, author of "Serve Yourself: Nightly Adventures in Cooking for One" (Ten Speed Press, \$22). "A lot of people feel like they're only comfortable putting in the effort when they're cooking for others," says Yonan, who's also the food and travel editor at The Washington Post. "But if you're not worth it, I don't understand who is. I certainly cook for other people all the time, but as a single man, I'm putting dinner on the table for just me a few nights a week, and I want it to be great."

For Yonan, that might mean whipping up a stir fry or a savory sandwich,

or using whatever meat and veggies he has on hand to make some tasty tacos. And he's always willing to turn a morning staple into an evening meal. "The single most perfect food for someone cooking for him or herself is an egg," he says. "It's an efficient source of protein, it cooks quickly, it's versatile, it keeps for such a long time in the fridge, and it's portion controlled."

That's key for those flying solo in the kitchen, who often fear ending up with mounds of leftovers. "I think it's fine to have leftovers, but you have to learn how to use them," says Robyn Webb, an Alexandria nutritionist, cookbook author and teacher. "Make your freezer your best friend. A lot of things will keep one to six months."

"I have enough creative genes in me that I can take leftovers and turn them into something else," says Olga Berman, who writes the local blog Mango & Tomato (Mangotomato.com). When making lasagna recently, for example, she cooked extra ground beef and froze it to use later with rice, mashed potatoes or pasta. "You can separate the main parts and then combine them with

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— ESTHER COVINGTON,
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other ingredients to make something different, so you're not eating the same thing over and over," she says.

Planning ahead helps ensure that you don't wind up with tons of extra produce or a family pack of chicken wasting away in the fridge. "Anyone can come home and put together dinner in a short amount of time if they've put some thought into it earlier in the week," says Lisa Erickson, co-author of the upcoming "Cooking for One: A Seasonal Guide to the Pleasures of Preparing Delicious Meals for Yourself" (\$25, Lebhar-Friedman). "Cooking seasonally makes a huge difference; you'll be able to use things up more carefully. If you're buying zucchini, yellow squash, peppers and basil in the summer, cook with those ingredients throughout the week."

But there's something to be said for spontaneity, too. "Probably the single best thing about cooking for myself is that I don't have anybody else's palate to consider except my own," Yonan says. "I can follow my own cravings to whatever logical or not-so-logical end they might lead me." **BETH LUBERECKI**

Recipe File

ASPARAGUS SALAD WITH CRISPY PROSCIUTTO

This easy appetizer is at its best when the asparagus is crisp, bright and in season. It is quick to make and should be tossed together just before serving. The quantities for the salad dressing make more than a single salad serving, so save extra dressing for salads or as a marinade for chicken or fish.

Ingredients

- ▶ 1 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- ▶ 2 tbsp lemon juice
- ▶ Salt and freshly ground pepper
- ▶ 1 slice prosciutto or pancetta
- ▶ 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- ▶ 1/2 tsp grated lemon zest
- ▶ 8 spears asparagus, peeled and sliced thin on the diagonal
- ▶ 1/2 oz. Parmesan, shaved into curls with a vegetable peeler
- ▶ 1 tbsp pine nuts, toasted

Serves One

1. Place the shallots in a small bowl with the lemon juice, a pinch of salt and a few twists of freshly grated pepper. Let the shallots macerate for 15 minutes to reduce any harsh bite.
2. Sauté the prosciutto in a dry, nonstick sauté pan over medium-high heat until crisp and browned on both sides, about one minute on each side. When it is cool, tear into irregular pieces and reserve.
3. Add the olive oil and lemon zest to the shallots and lemon juice. Whisk until slightly thickened and well blended. Add the sliced asparagus and toss to coat evenly.
4. Mound the asparagus on a plate; scatter the prosciutto and Parmesan pieces over the top; sprinkle with the pine nuts; and serve. **FROM "COOKING FOR ONE"**



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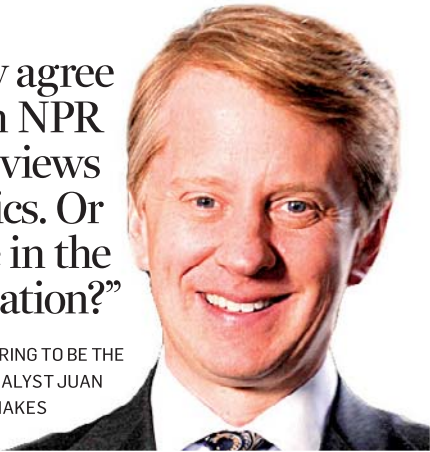


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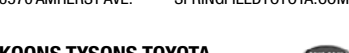
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is a value to be found in doing what you're told at this time, but that mischievous streak may have you bucking the system.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dig deep and you'll enjoy greater personal power in all things than you have experienced in the recent past.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be giving someone else a little too much free rein at this time; it's a good day to re-establish a few sensible restrictions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Style and substance come together in a unique way — and as a result you're likely to enjoy a few unanticipated opportunities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll find yourself facing an issue that requires more in the way of self-knowledge and personal insight than usual, but you have what it takes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can enjoy something far more exciting than anything you had on the docket originally — and all thanks to an unexpected guest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're not likely to find the answers you seek by looking in the usual places. Indeed, the further afield you search, the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're not going to avoid all kinds of risk, but you can minimize those that are the most obvious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The pace quickens, but when it comes to personal issues, you'll want to keep your foot off the gas pedal and take some time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Now is no time to fly in the face of adversity; you'll want to present as strong a defense as you can — and even think offensively if possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can have others obeying you without being demanding or aggressive. Speak to their common sense and you'll get what you want.

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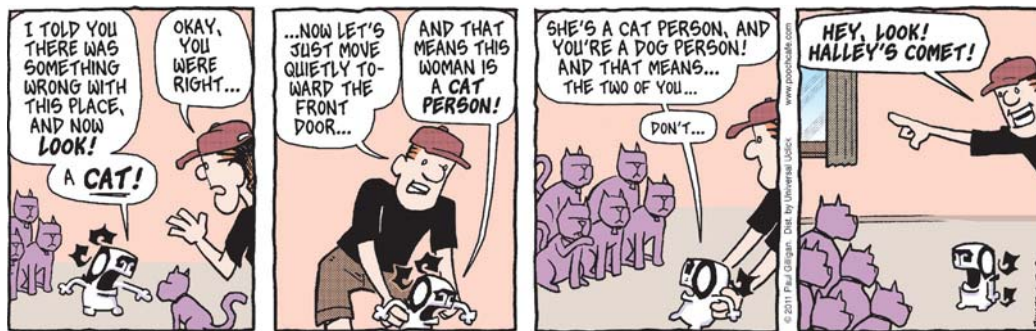
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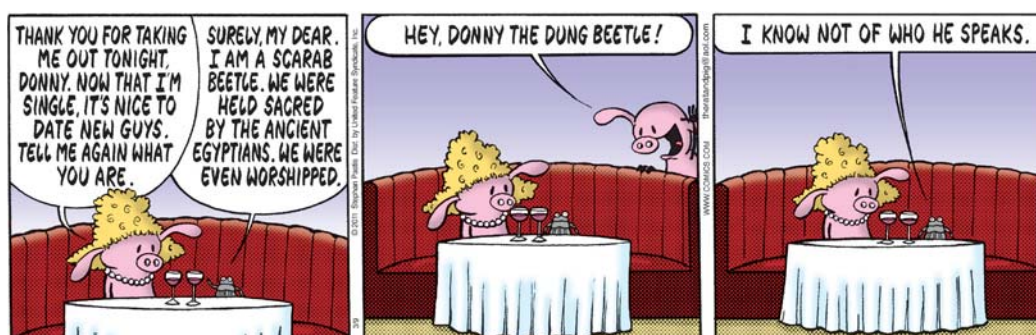
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"Harry Potter" actress Emma Watson says she is going to take a break from working on her degree to focus on her film career. Watson said Tuesday that she had found it hard to juggle her film career with her studies at Brown University in 2009. She says she plans to complete her literature degree but will need some extra semesters. (AP)

CONCERN**Given the Many Symbolic Meanings of Lambs, This Raises Many Questions**

Mariah Carey has revealed her favorite baby-shower gift: a book of poems and letters made by her fans, known as "Lambs." "The

Always Be My Babies 'Lamb Book' is definitely my new prized possession," she wrote on her blog after the Sunday shower. "Everyone thought it was the cutest, most thoughtful thing ever." (EXPRESS)



YOUTUBE



Screen grabs of grainy YouTube videos showing Charlie Sheen waving a machete: the next-best thing to being there.

TERRIBLE**Even TMZ Is Worried. This Is Bad.**

Charlie Sheen waved a machete atop a tall building in Los Angeles Monday. Fans cheered from the ground as he drank from a bottle containing "tiger blood." Later Monday, he recorded another "Sheen's Korner," in which he appeared confused and fidgety. "This isn't fun to watch. It's disturbing," TMZ.com noted. (EXPRESS)

**Victims****Media: 'OK. You're Dead to Us.'**

Phil Collins says his decision to retire has been distorted by the media. In a missive on Philcollins.co.uk, he says he's not "a tormented weirdo ... who feels very sorry for himself, and is retiring hurt because of the bad press over the years." (EXPRESS)

CANDID CAMERA**'How Embarrassing! Next Time I'll Wash My Hair Before Not Stealing!'**

More footage of Lindsay Lohan trying on a necklace that a jewelry store later reported stolen aired Tuesday on "Entertainment Tonight." Lohan is seen smiling as she enters Kamofie & Co. A division of the Associated Press obtained rights to the footage and licensed it to "Entertainment Tonight." (AP)

**"Miss Middleton uses both names equally, and she has never expressed a preference for either Catherine or Kate since her engagement."**

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